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May 10, 2109

Mr. Paul LaFleche
Deputy Minister
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
Province of Nova Scotia

Mr. LaFleche,

This letter is further to our recent meeting exploring how to best align our respective priorities and leverage the multi-year, multi-million-dollar PTIF program.

To summarize the proposal and the underlying rationale we discussed:

- The current PTIF funding stream is \$691,148,279.
- The revised program we discussed would be funded by the three levels of government as follows:
 - o Federal: [REDACTED]
 - o Provincial: [REDACTED]
 - o Municipal: [REDACTED]

This would enable the transfer of \$55,291,862 of Federal monies from the current PTIF program to other streams of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). This transfer would allow other provincial and HRM priorities within HRM to be supported, while still providing a [REDACTED] million supported Transit program for HRM.

HRM believes we can work together within the defined parameters of the ICIP to support our mutually agreed Transit priorities. To do so, we will need the Province's confirmation of this proposed approach and we will provide a letter to Infrastructure Canada attesting HRM will not require the [REDACTED] that would be transferred from the Transit Stream to the other streams under the ICIP for projects that will be identified by the Province.

Thank-you for your consideration and collaboration in all respects.

Yours truly,

Jacques Dubé

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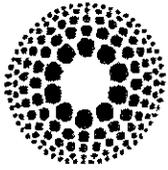
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May 1, 2019

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Dear Minister Porter:

REGIONAL CAUCUS CHAIR: RE: PTIF2 FUNDING AND THE INTEGRATED BILATERAL AGREEMENT (FOR THE
Council for George MacDonald
Cape Breton Regional Municipality
INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM) CANADA – NOVA
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RURAL CAUCUS CHAIR: I am pleased to write you today on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Nova
Warden Timothy Habinski
County of Annapolis
Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM).

TOWN CAUCUS CHAIR: At our April 12, 2019, meeting, the Board directed me to write you, as Minister
Mayor Jeff Cantwell
Town of Wolfville
for Municipal Affairs, to express our concern regarding the ongoing delay in
announcing funding programs related the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund 2
(PTIF2) component of the Bilateral Agreement between the Government of
Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia. As you know, municipalities are
eagerly awaiting confirmation that this money will flow and had anticipated that
it would be available this fiscal year based on the commitment the Province
made when signing the agreement.

NSFM is a strong supporter of the Bilateral Agreement and the opportunities it
represents for all Nova Scotia municipalities. As you may recall, representatives
from our Board, including myself, attended the announcement at the Halifax
Central Library, and we have spoken supportively regarding the diversity of
funding options available that would serve all our members. We have also
spoken in favour of the much smaller contribution requirements for
municipalities with populations under 5000 as well the PTIF2 allocation based
on ridership.

We understand that discussions may be underway to amend the Bilateral
Agreement to allow for a broad range of programs to be supported by the fund.
The NSFM Board is requesting the following be considered as possible
amendments:

- The current year ridership of fixed route transit should be considered to

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allow for support for the new Bridgewater Transit service that was launched after the cut off date. The success of the Bridgewater service is evidenced in rapid growth in ridership of adults and seniors using passes. Ridership in this category increased from 230 to 400 rides per month between January and October 2018. This would also benefit Cape Breton Regional Municipality Transit which has seen ridership double this last year.

- Fixed route options that are integrated with point to point community transit (Antigonish Transit) should be eligible for funding.
- Point to point community transit should be considered in a separate category with different funding criteria.
- Pilot projects should be supported to allow other municipalities to attempt to match the success of the recently launched Bridgewater Transit program.

We feel it is important that this money be used to grow public transit in Nova Scotia. Delays in opening this funding category for applications impact residents and voters in the eight Annapolis Valley municipalities serviced by King's Transit, as well as residents of Halifax, Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Yarmouth.

With the changes we have asked to be considered, Bridgewater and Antigonish could also benefit from support for existing fixed route transit, 37 other municipalities could benefit from possible pilot projects, and all municipalities could benefit from support for community transit.

We understand that any change to this funding envelope requires negotiation with the Government of Canada. NSFM is prepared to support any such effort and looks forward to working with you to ensure this essential transit funding starts to flow to our members this year.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Councillor Wayne Mason

President, NSFM

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cc: Honourable Stephen McNeil, Premier, Province of Nova Scotia

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